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To: Indian Health Service Providers
Tribal 638 Health Clinic Providers

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Subject: Tribal Health Program: IHS/OMB Encounter Rate Increase

This memo informs Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal 638 Health Clinic providers of the following:

- An increase in the IHS/Office of Management and Budget (OMB) encounter rate **retroactive to dates of service on and after January 1, 2010;**
- Changes to the State Match for Encounter **effective August 1, 2010;** and
- Not to rebill paid claims.

What Has Changed?

Retroactive for claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, the IHS encounter rate increased from \$268.00 per encounter to \$289.00 per encounter. (A copy of the Federal Register is attached.)

Effective August 1, 2010, the Department will pay the increased IHS encounter rate of \$289.00 for Medicaid-covered services provided on and after January 1, 2010.

Changes to the State Match for Non-Native Chemical Dependency Services Encounter

The FMAP rate for State Fiscal Year 2011 (SFY2011) is:

State Fiscal Yr	SFY2011
Time Period	Aug 2010-Dec 2010
FMAP- State %	37.06%
FMAP - Federal %	62.94%
State Match for Encounter	\$107.10

Effective August 1, 2010, for tribes contracting to serve non-native Medicaid clients: Use \$107.10 to calculate your “State Match for Encounter” amount when billing for non-native Medicaid client encounter services. Please remember that the match funding must be submitted prior to billing the Department.

Rebilling

Do not rebill claims that the Department has already paid. By September 30, 2010, the Department will process a one-time mass adjustment to pay providers the difference between the old and the new encounter rate. This adjustment will affect claims for dates of service through July 31, 2010, which the Department finalized and paid at the old encounter rate of \$268.00. ***If you bill any claims at the lower rate after the mass adjustment has been initiated, it will be your responsibility to adjust the claims.***

How Can I Get the Department/MPA Provider Documents?

To download and print the Department/MPA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Department/MPA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum*** link).